Misuse of import licence by M/s. Parle Exports Pvt. Ltd. .. ..

1038. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 1880 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th August, 1985 regarding misuse of import licence by M|s Parle Bottling Company, Bombay and state:

(a) wheher Government have since taken any action the above Company now known as M|s. Parle Exports Pvt. Ltd., under clause 8(1) (f) of Import (Control) Order, 1955 for the misuse of imported machinery; and

(b) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Show cause notice has been issued for action under clsuse 8(1) of (f) of the Imports (Control) Order, 1955, for the alleged misuse. The proceedings are underway.

Raids at the premises of Directors of M/s. Delhi Bottling Company Private .. .... Ltd. .. ..

1039. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the dates on which the Enforcement Wings of the Income Tax and Central Excise Departments raided the premises of the Directors of M|s. Delhi Bottling Company (Private) Limited;

(b) what are the details of the incriminating documents seized during these raids; and

(c) what action is contemplated by Government to book the Directors of M|s. Delhi Bottling Company (Private) Limited for violation of the relevant provisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No searches were conducted in the premises of the Directors of M/s Delhi Bottling Company (Private) Limited either by the Income Tax Department or by the Central Excise Department in the recent past.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Impact of import of synthetic fibre and cotton on cotton growers

1040. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Blitz" of 12th October, 1985 to the effect that New Textile policy announced by Government permitting the import of synthetic fibre as well as cotton has dealt a severe blow to the cotton growers in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the export of cotton has been banned which has further affected adversely the cotton growers, and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) The news item in question has come to the notice of Government. The new Textile Policy does not specifically envisage the import of synthetic fibres except to supplement domestic production if necessary. The decision about the import of synthetic fibre as well as import and export of cotton is taken into account the demand and supply position in the country. While